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1. The military airfield south of Vilnyus (54°40'N/25°20'E), Lithuanian S.S.R., had a runway which was constructed by PWs, and three or four hangars which had been rebuilt by Soviets. (1)

2. The field was occupied by 50 to 60 twin-engine low-wing monoplanes with in-line engines, three-bladed propellers, double rudders, retractable landing gear and tail wheels. The underside of the nose was of plexiglass and a plexiglass cupola was on the rear section of the fuselage. Only some planes had weapons. (2)

3. There was local and formation flying. Firing at sleeve targets, and low-level attacks, sometimes at ground targets, was practiced.

4. Another airfield was about 6 to 8 km northeast of this field. It seemed to be occupied since flying was continually taught over the field and aircraft were seen taking off from and landing at the field. (3)

5. No jet aircraft were observed over Vilnyus prior to September 1948. (4)

6. Hundreds of aircraft (sic) of different types and sizes were parked in several rows one behind the other around the landing area of the airfield south of Vilnyus. The field had a runway. There was intensive day and night flying. Flights were made individually, and in formations of up to 20 single-engine fighters and twin-engine aircraft. Firing at sleeve targets was also practiced. No jet aircraft were seen. (4)

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